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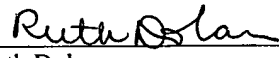
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

This Response to Office Action is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 21, 2006, rejecting claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-21, 28, 43, 44, 46, and 162-165. The cited references are U.S. Patent Nos. 4,896,966 (hereinafter, "Boisseau"), 5,982,534 (hereinafter, "Pinkel"), 6,337,479 (hereinafter, "Kley"), U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2003/0073070 (hereinafter, "Fritz"), 2004/0038426 (hereinafter, "Manalis"), 2003/0027354 (hereinafter, "Geli"), and publication J. Microelectro. Systems, 6 December 2002, 11(6):703-708 ("Savran"). Applicant respectfully submits that the following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance. A Request for Continued Examination along with the appropriate Petition for Extension of Time is submitted herewith.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper; and

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.